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In re Re-Issue Patent Application of Rogers

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Title: OBJECTS COMPRISING A SUBSTRATE AND AN OPTICAL
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RESPONSE

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS

The examiner has rejected Claims 1-39 as being obvious over Hettich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,769,290) in view of Austin (U.S. Patent No. 5,332,618). Specifically, the examiner asserts that Hettich et al. disclose high efficiency reflectors and methods of making high efficiency reflectors having a multilayer coating on a substrate, but fails to disclose or suggest curved, non-planar, and complex shaped objects. The examiner further asserts that Austin discloses multilayer coatings on sunglasses and spectacles, and that such objects are deemed to be curved and complex substrates and ornamental objects. The examiner has apparently overlooked some of the language in the claims that